



# Water Permits Division e-Newsletter

A SUMMARY OF WATER PERMITTING NEWS & EVENTS

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JULY—SEPTEMBER 2009

## PERMITS ISSUED

7/1/09—9/30/09

Individual Minors	95
Individual Majors	26
Sewage Sludge & Bio-solids Use or Disposal	1

## GENERAL PERMITS

Class I Sanitary	58
Class II Sanitary	11
Class III Sanitary	122
Class IV Sanitary	122
Large Construction	157
Sand & Gravel	8
Petroleum UST	1
Oil & Gas Exploration	26
Autodealer	2
Hydrostatic Test	4
Exterior Vehicle Wash	9
Potable Water	1
Cement, Concrete & Asphalt	8
C&D Landfill	0
Groundwater	0
Dewater PST	1
Multi-Sector	34

## % CURRENT

MAJORS	92.7
MINORS	92.0

## Water Permits Division Newsletter

LDEQ Water Permits Division (WPD) publishes a Quarterly Newsletter to provide the regulated community, citizens, and other interested parties with updates and information relevant to water permitting. We need your comments, recommendations, and input. Please contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

## Water Permits Division Staff Update

Recent staff changes: Dykstra Freeman has been hired as an Environmental Scientist assigned to the Industrial Permits Section, Debbie Bissett transferred from the Business Community Outreach Division to the WPD, Municipal and General Section, Molly McKean has been promoted to Environmental Scientist Supervisor assigned to the Industrial Permits Section.

## Sewage Sludge Haulers

The WPD has approved or conditionally approved 169 haulers. Unregistered haulers may submit registration forms and their submittals will be evaluated, but they cannot pump or haul sewage sludge until they have received an Approval Letter or Conditional Approval Letter from DEQ. LDEQ is evaluating the disposal sites indicated on the registration forms to ensure they are properly permitted. A list of all approved sewage sludge disposal facilities and a list of all approved sewage sludge haulers is posted on the LDEQ Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Internet site (<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx>). Both lists will be updated every 60 days. For more information contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012 or Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## Antidegradation

LDEQ is working with EPA Region 6 on the state antidegradation implementation policy. On September 20, 2009, a third draft of the implementation procedures were developed and made available for public review and comment. The comment period ended October 23, 2009. LDEQ is currently reviewing the comments received during the public comment period. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## Training Seminars/ EnviroSchool

LDEQ will be sponsoring **FREE** training sessions and informational seminars in the near future. The topics will include: Sewage Sludge Haulers and Disposal Facilities, Pesticides General Permit, Minimum Quantification Limits (MQLs), and Zero Discharge Permits. Watch the website for more information.

## Wetland Feasibility Contract

The LDEQ has contracted Providence Engineering and Environmental Group, LLC (Providence) to conduct feasibility studies and/or baseline studies for interested municipalities. Any interested municipality can request to have studies performed at LDEQ's expense. For more information contact Todd Franklin, at 225-219-3102.

## Emergency Rule for Sewage Sludge Haulers

The LDEQ Emergency Rule effective July 1, 2009, allows transporters to continue hauling sewage sludge to all facilities indicated as a "Receiving Facility" on their Hauler Registration Form. LDEQ is evaluating the "Receiving Facilities" to ensure they are properly permitted. The Rule gave "Receiving Facilities" a four-month period to submit the proper forms to LDEQ to be legally permitted to handle sewage sludge from haulers. The Rule can be accessed at: [www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/portals/0/planning/regis/pdf/WQ078E.pdf](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/portals/0/planning/regis/pdf/WQ078E.pdf). For more information contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012 or Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## Water Permits Division

The Water Permits Division within the Office of Environmental Services authorizes permits administered under the LDEQ Water Quality Regulations. In addition, Water Permits Division oversees Biosolids Management activities. LDEQ Responsibilities for Water Quality Certifications are conducted in conjunction with the US Army Corps of Engineers. For a more detailed description of the Division's activities and a copy of the WPD Work Plan, please check out the website: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/63/Default.aspx>

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## Pesticides Regulation Update—A New General Permit

In May 2009, the U.S. 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals granted EPA's request to halt the new rules which govern how pesticides will be used/applied. Implementation of the new rules will be delayed for two years. LDEQ will continue to monitor the appeal and its impact on permitting requirements. EPA will issue a Pesticides General Permit for non-delegated states, territories and tribes. Since Louisiana is delegated, LDEQ will issue a LPDES Pesticides General Permit. Watch for more information in the eNewsletter or contact Gary Aydel at 225-219-3002 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013 for updates

## Online Applications

LDEQ is working on a program which will allow applicants to submit applications electronically to the Department. The Online application submittal will begin in phases starting with Notice of Intents for General Oil and Gas Permits. LDEQ expects the program to begin in January 2010. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## LAG260000 Effective 1/1/10

The Territorial Seas Oil and Gas Facilities General (TSOFG) Permit was issued on October 13, 2009 and will become effective January 1, 2010. This permit establishes effluent limitations and reporting requirements for discharges associated with oil and gas facilities and independent wells that engage in production, field exploration, development drilling, well completion, and well treatment operations that are located within the territorial seas of Louisiana. For more information contact Valerie Powe at 225-219-3135.

## DOW Chemical Company

The LDEQ recently issued a final LPDES Water Discharge Permit to The Dow Chemical Company, Louisiana Operations which is located in Plaquemine, Louisiana. The final permit was issued on October 13, 2009 and will become effective February 1, 2010 to allow for implementation of revised operating procedures, operator training, and physical modification of the current outfall configuration in order to meet the permit requirements. For more information contact Sonja Loyd at 225-219-3090.

## Water Quality Certifications

Effective July 27, 2009, the Water Quality Certifications (WQC) program was transferred to the Water Permits Division. For more information contact Jamie Phillippe at 225-219-3003.

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## LPDES MQL Update in Process

Water Permits Division, at the request of EPA Region 6, has completed the process of updating 28 of the 32 requested Minimum Quantification Levels (MQLs) in Louisiana's WQMP Guidance Document for the implementation of the State's water quality standards on October 7, 2009. MQL is the level at which a pollutant can be reliably detected. The 4 remaining MQLs for Arsenic, Copper, Lead, and Nickel will be finalized over the next year. For more information contact Bruce Fielding at 225-219-3006 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

## General Permits Updates

**LAG490000**—The public comment period ended July 23, 2009 for the reissuance of Sand & Gravel Extraction Master General Permit. Comments received during the public comment period are currently being evaluated. If you have any questions, contact Linda Gauthier at (225) 219-0801

**LAR100000**—The Master General Permit for Stormwater Discharges associated with Construction Activities greater than 5 Acres was reissued October 1, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Gauthier at (225) 219-0801.

**General Permit for Sewage Sludge**—The Draft Master General Permit for Facilities that Dispose Sewage Sludge in a Permitted Landfill (LAJ650000) has been public noticed. The Public Comment Period ends Wednesday, November 25, 2009. If you have any questions, contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012 or Eura DeHart at 225-219-3092.

## Sewage Sludge Disposal Facilities

A list of all approved sewage sludge disposal facilities and a list of all approved sewage sludge haulers has been posted on the LDEQ Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Internet site (<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx>). For more information contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012 or Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## Fee Regulations Update

The Louisiana Water Pollution Control Fee System Regulations updates consisting of minor changes to the calculation worksheets and updates to the fee tables to reflect OSHA SIC code changes were finalized upon publication in the Louisiana Register on August 20, 2009. For more information contact Bruce Fielding at 225-219-3006.

## LDEQ Complaint Procedures

Citizens can use the **Single Point of Contact (SPOC)** - 225-219-3640 or Toll Free 1-888-763-5424. In the event of an environmental emergency, citizens are encouraged to first contact their local authorities - police, sheriff, fire department, etc. Otherwise citizens and the regulated community can contact the SPOC line to report environmental concerns during business hours, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the number listed above. To report a concern outside of business hours call 225-342-1234 or the toll free number. **Concerns include spills, releases, odors, fish kills, open burning, waste tires and any other types of environmental incidents.** Citizens can also [report the incident online](#).